

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Honduras

a. The armed forces are in effective control of the country today after some sharp street fighting.

b. The civil guard, loyal to the Villeda government, resisted the army move. Some 120 were killed or wounded.

c. Army commander Lopez has assumed office as "head of state." He may step aside as soon as order is restored in favor of a civilian government.

d. President Villeda and the Liberal Party's presidential candidate Rodas, whose election Lopez is trying to prevent, have been sent to Costa Rica.

e. Further fighting is in prospect if Rodas goes through with his plans to organize a "counter-revolution." Should he do so, he will probably get Costa Rican support.

2. Dominican Republic



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3. Brazil

a. An air of confusion and uncertainty still hangs over Rio.

b. The armed forces, which are far from presenting a united front in this situation, were yesterday in a state of full alert.

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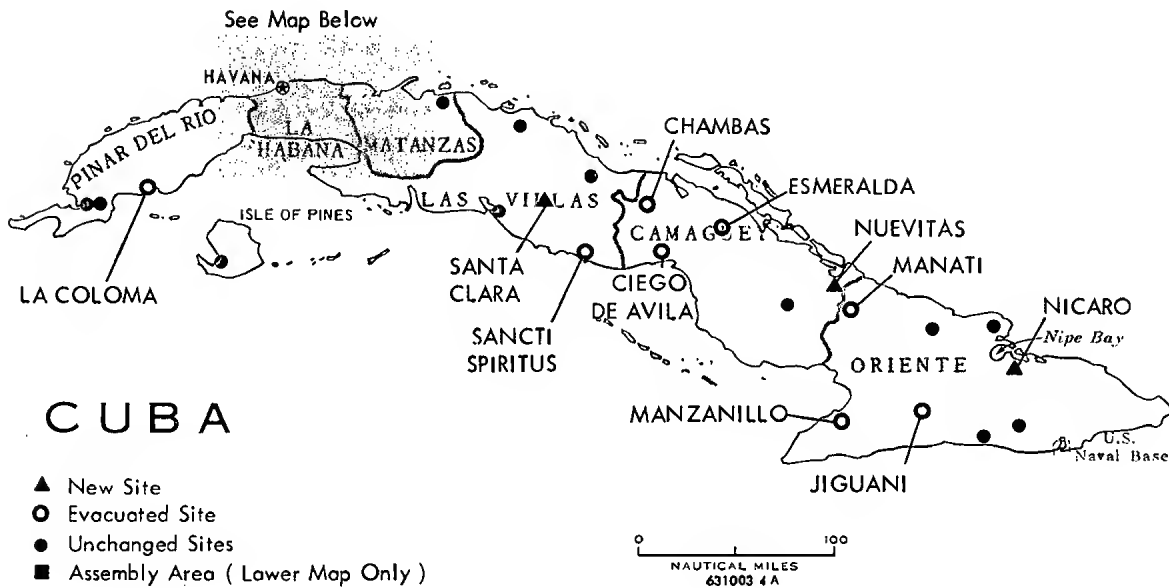
c. Goulart's weak Wednesday night speech did little to restore popular confidence.

d. A group of conservatives has been angling for his impeachment by the Chamber of Deputies. We do not think, however, that the group can in the near term round up the votes to bring this off.

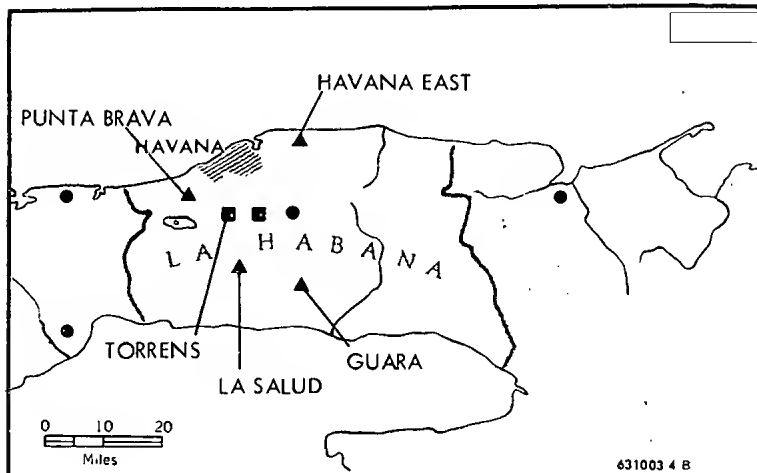
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HAVANA AREA SAM INSTALLATIONS (NEW ONES IDENTIFIED)



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4. Cuba-USSR

a. Photographs taken over Cuba in the past few days reveal that all but one of the eight SAM sites evacuated last month have been re-established.

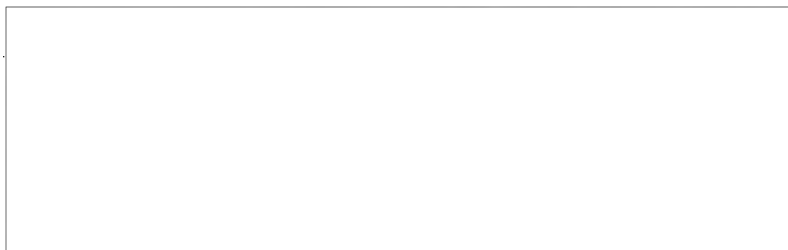
b. The pattern of the relocations confirms our theory that this is a shift from an island-wide defense to a point defense of important installations. The point getting the most attention is, not surprisingly, Havana.

c. Four of the recently moved sites have been set up around the capital which is now protected by eight SAM sites. The evacuated SAM assembly area has also turned up in the Havana area where there are now two.

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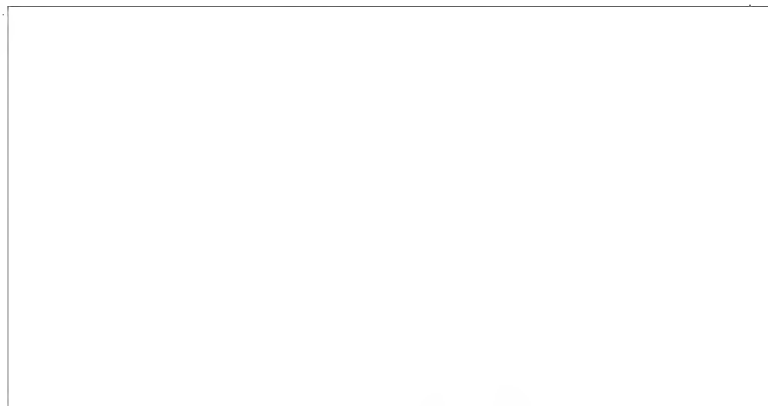


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5. Algeria-Morocco

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c. As far as we know, the situation along the disputed sector of the Algerian-Moroccan border remains quiet, but explosive.

d. Similarly, within Algeria no shots have been fired in the dispute between Ben Bella and the Kabylie Berbers. The situation is precarious, however, as armed supporters of each side are in close proximity.

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e. Ben Bella still plans to
come to New York next Thursday. He
does not intend to visit Washington.

6. Malaysia

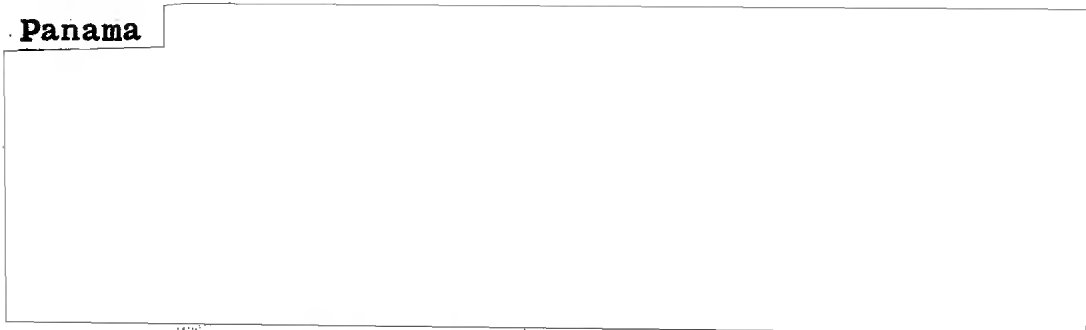
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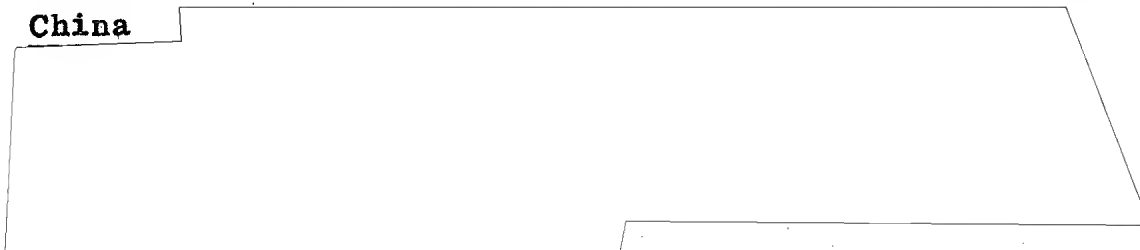
A. Panama



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- B. USSR-Berlin Moscow is trying to promote some sort of meeting between West Berlin and East German officials. They have hinted that it might be possible for Mayor Brandt to talk to his East Berlin counterpart about the "human problems" caused by the wall. The Soviets, of course, would like to see this if only to underscore the separate status of West Berlin.

C. China



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D. Syria-Iraq It now looks to us like the Syrians and Iraqis are exchanging military forces. [redacted] Iraqi units are now in northern Syria. This follows the recent appearance of Syrian units in Iraq. [redacted]

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E. Saudi Arabia [redacted]

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